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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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The Sin of Neglect

By the late Dr. C. E. Matthews

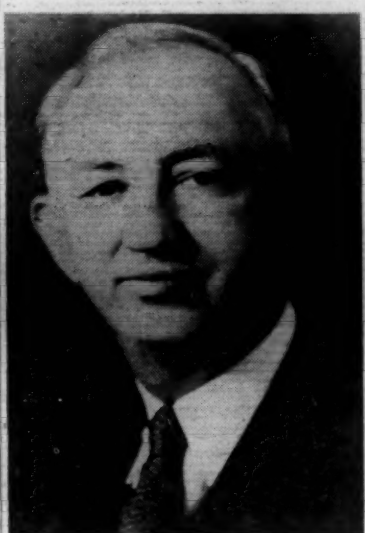
"How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"
—Hebrews 2:3.

I have read many warnings and have seen many red lights, but never have I read nor seen such a warning as this one: "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?"

God does not have to warn us about the sin of drink, adultery, gambling, stealing or murder. We know about such sins, for we constantly see definite object lessons of them in human beings. We know that when we commit these sins we lose our reputations, dissipate our health, injure our chances of success in life, destroy happiness, bring sorrow to loved ones, and provoke the chastisement of God upon us.

The sin of neglect is different. It is supposedly a good man's sin. It is more universal and widespread than all other sins put together twice over. A person can feel respectable and commit it; yet it is even more deadly than murder.

Think of the homes that are affected by this sin. The neglect of Bible reading and of prayer in the home has played havoc with our children. Today our penitentiaries and jails are literally filled with young people. The multitude of unsaved people in your city are the products of such homes. Parents neglect to unite with the church or to attend the church where they hold membership and, like Lot of old, their children mock them.



Dr. C. E. Matthews

The Neglect of Salvation

But this text is mainly committed to one thing, namely, the neglect of the salvation of the soul. Think of what God has done to bring about salvation. He gave us His Son to die that we might be saved; He gave us the Bible that we may know and understand what salvation is. He calls men to preach His gospel, to warn us of the dangers of delay. He calls

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Bible Examples and The Blessings of—

Regular Prayer Habits



By Evangelist John R. Rice

"Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice."—Ps. 55:17.

"Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime."—Dan. 6:10.

"Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour."—Acts 3:1.

"And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither."—Acts 16:13.

"And it came to pass, as he [Jesus] sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight."—Luke 24:30, 31.

Every Christian ought to have well developed habits of prayer. Every Christian should have, therefore, regular places and times for prayer.

There ought to be a lot of praying besides at regular times and places. People ought to pray immediately at every time of need, or danger, or when the Holy Spirit calls them to pray. There ought to be, also, extended seasons of prayer at special times, perhaps days of fasting and prayer, or a whole night of prayer. Besides all these ways of prayer, we ought to "pray without ceasing," literally have hearts set always to seek God, to feel after Him, even while we go about other matters. I say, we ought to pray in all

these other ways, but still, Christians should have some stated times and sacred places for prayer.

Ahead of everything else, prayer should be put in the budget of time for your day. Christians should plan for times to pray like they plan for meal times. They should develop regular habits of prayer just as they have habits for other daily and weekly duties and needs. You should put prayer in your life's program and see that it is never crowded out.

The Blessing of Good Habits

Good habits are essential to a happy and useful life. It is good

Running Jesus Out of Town

By Dr. Tom Malone, Pastor
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Pontiac, Michigan

(Preached at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Sunday morning, June 19, 1960.)

Read: Mark 5:1-17 and Luke 4:24-30

"And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts."—Mark 5:17.

In connection with Mark 5:17, "And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts," I would like you to notice Luke 4:29, "And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong."

I read the Bible not to get sermons, but to get help for my own soul. Many times in reading it, seeking a message for my own heart and strength for my Christian responsibility, I find things which so grip my heart until I feel that God would have me to preach on that particular subject. That has happened to me this week. I was reading the Word of God in my home a few days ago, and all of a sudden it occurred to me that the Bible teaches that on more than one occasion people ran Jesus out of town. So my subject is "Running Jesus Out of Town."

If this were not in the Word of God, and you were to come to me and tell me that some people ran the Son of God out of town, I would not believe you. So, this is an unbelievable story, were it not in the Book of God.

Jesus, at Nazareth, simply preached the Word of God, and they grabbed Him roughly by the shoulders and said, as they dragged Him along the streets, "Come on out to the edge of the city; we're going to throw you over the hill and kill you and put an

end to this silly preaching of the Word of God."

In His home town, the city of Nazareth, the city where He was raised, they threw Him out of town for preaching the Word of God. Isn't that unbelievable?

When He went to Gadara, He got the town's number one "bad man" saved. That was all He did. He saved a man that no one could help. He got a man saved that they had often had in jails, hospitals and institutions, but for whom they could do nothing. Jesus just simply got him saved and straightened out. He made out of him a wonderful child of God, and they began to say to Jesus, "You get out of town. You get out of Gadara." Just like they had run Him out of Nazareth, they ran Him out of Gadara.

When I began to think on this subject this week, an awful truth came to me. There are people in our city today who treat Jesus the same way. You may not believe that, but I challenge you to think about it from the standpoint of Scripture.

There are groups in this city and in every city in America who, if Jesus were to come to



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their town doing the same things He did in those days, would run Him out of town. They could do it and they would do it.

Some of you are not going to believe this; some of you are not going to agree with this; and some of you are not going to like it. But there are three groups who would want to get rid of Jesus if He came to their town.

I say to you that if Jesus were to come to town, the Ministerial Association would want to get rid of Him. When Jesus went to the city of Jerusalem over two thousand years ago, the most religious city that the world has ever known, with more Bible scholars, more people interested in the Book of God and more people talking about redemption than in any spot on the face of the earth, there was one group, a small minority, which was in

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Christmas Begins Now!

Here Is What We Will All Hope to Do for the Lord Jesus This Christmastime

1. Give \$12,000 to Republish Several Books Now About Out of Print;
2. A Worthy Love Offering for "Voice of Revival" Broadcast;
3. Send THE SWORD to 10,000 Missionaries, Native Preachers, Ministerial Students, Retired Preachers, and Others Through our Ministers and Missionary Subscription Gift Fund.

By the Editor

For many years as Christmas approaches, I have eagerly made lists, watched sales, checked on what people wanted, to find what I could give for the greatest happiness and blessing at Christmastime. You see, I am the dad at home, more responsible for everybody's happiness than anybody else. I am the boss at the office, and so more accountable for my workers than anybody else here. I am the oldest brother living in my family, and so feel more burden for all brothers and sisters (three brothers and one sister now gone to Heaven). I am kind of a big brother to thousands of preachers, and particularly to many evangelists.

To some I can only write a Christmas letter; to others I feel responsible for more than that. So for months ahead of time, I am looking out for things that I might give for Christmas. Even in the summer sales I can find some special items that will do for my daughters, sons-in-law, or workers. Even if I give ties to a list of

special friends, I must plan to buy nearly a hundred of them.

Oh, I enjoy Christmas and I have found that what the Lord Jesus said is true: "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

Well, I have been thinking. What can I do for the Lord Jesus this year, something that will properly represent my love and will honor the dear Saviour? Now all my friends know that I do not think it wrong to have a modest Christmas tree and lights, to give gifts and send greeting cards, and have a Christmas turkey and fruitcake. But I do think it is sinful to commercialize Christmas and think more of everybody else than of the dear Lord Jesus. I wanted to make a larger gift to Him than to everybody else. So I have been much in prayer about it.

At first I thought I would try to save up \$500 to give to our "Investment Evangelism," as

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David and Daniel Had Regular Times of Secret Prayer

So Christians ought to have

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From Monday night, October 17, through Wednesday afternoon, October 19, I was in the high mountains on the west slope of the Rockies in Colorado, hunting deer. Our camp was eight thousand feet high; I suppose we climbed perhaps two thousand feet higher each day in hunting. My brother, Dr. Bill Rice, three other preachers and two ranchers and Bill's two sons, made up the party. We had a good time, slept in sleeping bags, nine of us crowded in a tent. The exertion at that altitude was terrific. I got no deer; others did. I had a good time, preached at Glenwood Springs on Wednesday night. Thursday morning Rev. Ed Nelson took me back to Denver and I flew home. And it is a good thing I came, because I was stricken with a very violent cold (perhaps flu).

Today, Wednesday, October 26, I fly to Los Angeles and Pomona, California, for five days of meetings. Thursday and Friday I will speak to the Southern California Fellowship of Bible Baptists, then will be with Pastor Clyde Martin in the Central Baptist Church, Pomona, the other days for the services. I am still hoarse, but trust I will be able to preach by tonight.

And far more important than bodily health is the power of the Holy Spirit. I hope that you who read will pray daily that God's power will be upon me all the time.

Southern Baptist Fellowship November 28-30 at Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga

The great Highland Park Baptist Church, Dr. Lee Roberson, pastor, at Chattanooga, Tennessee, will be host to the Southern Baptist Fellowship, Monday through Wednesday, November 28-30. This editor is the unworthy president of this Fellowship of Bible-believing Baptists, with many denominational connections. Some are Southern Baptists, some are Bible Baptists, some are Conservative Baptists, some are Independent Baptists. But pastors and Christian workers from all over the South and from many parts of the North will convene for this Fellowship (not a denomination) meeting at Chattanooga.

Dr. Lee Roberson, chairman of the program committee, announces that Dr. M. R. DeHaan of the Radio Bible Class will be a guest speaker. This editor will

preside and a number of strong preachers will take part in the program. A thousand preachers are expected. Come if you can to this Southern Baptist Fellowship.

The Editor's Other Approaching Engagements

Monday through Wednesday, November 14-16, with Pastor Watkins and his church near Laurinburg, North Carolina.

November 17-20, Thursday through Sunday, with Rev. Ed Ulrich, Jr., at the Second Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

On Sunday, November 27, afternoon and evening, at the Homecoming of Maroa Bible Church, Maroa, Illinois.

December 1-4 in a conference on revival and soul winning with fundamental churches at Struthers and Niles, Ohio.

December 5-11, in revival services with the Second Kent Baptist Church, Holmes, New York.

With the heavy editorial burdens and the heavy preaching schedule, I need your prayers.

Songbook "Revival Specials" Full of Heart-Moving Solos and Duets

The other day in Greenville, South Carolina, a well-known singer with a God-given voice sang two verses of a great solo. He had heard it somewhere on the air, or on a record and had copied down two verses of the song. My, how his eyes shone when I showed him the whole song, words and music, five verses, in our new *Revival Specials* songbook!

Many a singer has bought a new songbook just for one really good new solo that was not available anywhere else. But here in this songbook there are between twenty-five and thirty songs which have never been published before in a songbook, and other solos and duets which are very rarely found. Here are twenty-five songs by this editor, all with a revival flavor. This beautiful book of about ninety-five songs, good paper, pictured cover, has pictures of the Rice sisters, of the radio staff of Voice of Revival, and the editor. Besides the general index, the songs are indexed for special use as choir numbers, duets, solos, and choruses.

This book of *Revival Specials*, solos, duets, choir numbers, and choruses, with twenty-five songs by this editor, is available at \$1.00 per copy postpaid, ten copies for \$7.00 postpaid. Address THE SWORD OF THE LORD, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.

That Christmas-Thanksgiving Offering

Because we are setting out to give and encourage others to give a really worthy love offering to the Lord Jesus at this Christmas-time, we are beginning early in making the announcement. Some of us will have to save up, week

INCIDENTS

Ill and Illustrations

By
Evangelist Robert L. Sumner
Contributing Editor

Protection Purchased Too Late

An underground, reinforced concrete "bombproof shelter" is being built at the cost of \$1,000 in Binghamton, New York, for Mrs. Mary Evelyn Elliott and her husband. However, the protection is being readied too late.

Both are dead!

Mrs. Elliott, who died last February, left the money in her will with instructions that both her remains and those of her late husband should be put in the bombproof shelter in the event that wars, hurricanes or earthquakes damaged their present burial vault in Greenfield Cemetery at Hempstead, Long Island.

But Mrs. Elliott's concern came too late to help either her husband or herself.

Proverbs 1:24-31 describes some others who waited too late in seeking protection, saying: "Because I have called, and ye refused: I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded: But ye have set at naught all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices."

Dear Reader, do not wait until "too late" with regard to your soul's protection. Remember the warning of Hebrews 2:3, "How

by week. Others will give their offerings a bit at a time, one payday after another. But we urgently need some \$12,000 for printing books that will soon be out of print otherwise. We need some \$24,000 for radio and for free literature given away, thousands of copies around the world which have resulted in many lives changed and many souls saved. The Ministers and Missionary Subscription Gift Fund needs help, too. I take great joy in giving to these causes and I think that many of the most spiritual readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD will feel the same. Workers here at the Sword office will give, we think, over \$1,000 for this matter. As a thank-offering to God as the Thanksgiving season approaches, don't you want to send a worthy offering? Notice the coupon after our article in this issue.

Evangelist Charles Himes Has a Good Revival

The editor's son-in-law, "Chuck" Himes, has just returned from a blessed ten-day revival with the Parrish Memorial Baptist Church near Micro, North Carolina. There were 27 outright conversions, many rededications, and a good number of additions to the church. Many of those saved were saved through visitation in the home and then came out to make public profession of faith.

All Can Pray

A friend writes, "My conscience hurts me if I do not pray for you every day." More than anything else we need the power of God. We need God's wisdom, of course. We need His provision. The literature we will get out this year will cost about a third of a million dollars, and of course we must have God's help for that. But above everything else, we need the power of the Holy Spirit upon us day by day that our preaching and writing, that our conferences and revivals will be in the mighty power, the miracle-working power of God.

Will you be one to join in daily prayer for THE SWORD OF THE LORD and this poor editor?

shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" God charges in II Corinthians 6:2, "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

Socialism Retreating Abroad

An article by Raymond Moley on the editorial page of the *Kansas City Times* is worthy of reproduction here. Moley wrote:

"The news from all over the world tells of the abandonment of the major tenets of socialism by its more perceptive leaders.

"Perhaps some of them, having become practical politicians, have been taught a hard lesson by the once-despised proletariat in elections. Others, seeing the failure of so many socialistic experiments, have enough intelligence to reject its assumptions. Others are repelled by the cruel fact that where common ownership still flourishes, it needs the iron authority of dictatorship.

"Following the third successive defeat of the Labor party in England, Hugh Gaitskell proposed in December that the party abandon the major principle of socialism, nationalization (government ownership of industry, J. R. R.). In Japan, Suehiro Nishio, the most intelligent and practical leader in the Social Democratic party, has broken off completely and has organized a new party called Democratic Socialist. The arguments of Nishio are not unlike those of Gaitskell. In both cases, the evidence is clear that the 'quintessence' of socialism has been discarded.

"In West Germany the socialists have thrown in the sponge. These are the errors of the socialist movement there which was strong enough 75 years ago to move the iron-willed Bismarck to introduce the welfare state.

"Britain has tried it on a national scale, and the voters have seen it as a delusion. In Communist countries it has been supplanted by the oldest form of government in the world, brutal tyranny."

Yet here in America we seem to think that the road to prosperity and happiness is paved with more and more socialism, with less and less initiative and hard work on our part. The "delusion"

which Mr. Moley says the Europeans have discovered will strike with sickening force and saddening consequences in America after it is too late to do much about it. In writing thus, I am not "meddling with politics"; I am simply pleading for a return in America to democratic, biblical positions.

"At the Last..."

No one has any idea of the woe that the wine cup will bring him until he has traveled the trail himself. However, an illustration of what the "end" is like can be seen from the extensive catalog of unique concoctions collected by the Union Gospel Mission of St. Paul, Minnesota. Any transient entering the Mission must leave whatever alcoholic beverage he has on his possession at the door. The director of the mission, Harold Mordh, says about the accumulated trophies, "The man who drinks this stuff is a truly psychotic individual. Everything is gone, including his self-respect."

Director Mordh described the most popular of the skid row potent potions as follows:

"Green river, so named because it turns the lips green: after-shave lotion fortified with paint thinner.

"Block and tackle: paint thinner mixed with denatured alcohol and canned heat.

"Pink Lady: canned heat 'cut' with water. Add benzydrene or alcohol and it becomes a 'sneaky pete'.

"Rubby dub: the skid row name for rubbing alcohol.

"Kerosene and buttermilk, which only a few dare tackle. It almost completely wipes out the mind of its victim."

Remember that all who now drink such potions started out by saying, "I can take it or leave it alone." But beverage alcohol quickly enslaves its victims. And, "at the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder" (Prov. 23:32).

Pray for Evangelist Sumner's meetings:

November 14-20:
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WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

EVANGELIST TOM C. FAIR,

3431 Southeast 36th Avenue, Portland 2, Oregon, writes to tell of several recent revivals. In the First Baptist Church of Downers Grove, Illinois, where Dr. W. Hamilton Sinclair is pastor, there were 25 or more decisions for salvation with scores of Christians rededicating their lives, returning from backsliding or coming for assurance of salvation. In Pekin, Illinois, at the Faith Baptist Church where Brother Sorenson is pastor, the church was filled night after night and overflowed their building which seats near three hundred. In the First Baptist Church of Sycamore, Illinois, with Rev. Frank Frost, Brother Fair reports 11 saved and 16 decisions among Christians through Thursday of the first week of meetings there.

REV. BOB GRAY, pastor of

Trinity Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida, held a revival at the Urban Street Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Rev. G. Elmo Renegar, pastor, reports that during this meeting held September 19-25, there were 131 first-time professions of faith and many, many other decisions among Christians. He heartily recommends Brother Gray for his uncompromising preaching against sin and his solid Bible messages.

EVANGELIST GLEN

SCHUNK, 10 Blythewood Drive, Greenville, South Carolina, held an eight-day meeting August 14-21 in the Epiphany Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois. Rev. Donald M. Rose, pastor, reports 12 decisions for salvation, 10 for assurance, and 51 rededications during the meeting.

EVANGELIST FRANK DUN-

CAN, P.O. Box 127, Grover, North Carolina, was the evangelist for a

meeting October 3-9 in the Glenanna Baptist Church of Thomasville, North Carolina. There were 14 saved, 14 additions to the church and some 50 rededications. Rev. Odell Hall, pastor, reports, "Our offering doubled the last Sunday of the revival. I can heartily recommend Brother Duncan to any church that wants revival. He is the best 'Church Evangelist' I have ever had."

EVANGELIST DON WILSON,

Route 3, Taylors, South Carolina, conducted a meeting October 2-15 at the Cedar Crest-Lucy Furnace Chapel in Mount Union, Pennsylvania. Rev. Leon Foote, pastor, reports 13 professions of faith and 4 rededications. He also reports that the Sunday after the close of the meeting, the spirit of revival continued and 13 people came for church membership and 17 for believer's baptism. The pastor says of Brother Wilson's ministry, "I have never in my ministry felt and seen the power of God work as in this meeting. Brother Don preaches truly in the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit. His messages are compelling to the sinner and heart warming to the saint. I am sure there were many decisions of real dedication to the Lord that were not made public as changes are being seen in the lives of many Christians."

Sin has always been sin. It never has been right to steal and lie and murder. In the modern world we try to do away with sin; and, failing in this, we try to minimize it. We say, "Well, why did God make me like this?" "Isn't it just as bad to want to do a thing as it is to do it?" "I had nothing to do with coming into this world." "I think God wants me to do what I want to do." "After all, I don't know whether things are as bad as they used to be or not." "If I wanted to do a thing, I would go on and do it." These expressions represent modern man's idea of sin. There is always hope for a good "repenter." But the most hopeless man in the world is the man who sins and then tries to justify it. —Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.



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A Column for Wives and Mothers

By Jessie Rice Sandberg

Camping

Have you ever lived with 100, 150 or 200 children all at one time? We had that unique and wonderful experience last summer working at a Christian camp just across the Wisconsin border. Sandy directed the two weeks of younger boys camp, taught Bible classes during the girls camps and helped occasionally with the music while I was in charge of the handcraft shop. Our little Carol and Jimmy got their fill of sunshine, water, fresh air and chipmunk-chasing!

Psychology books always list the traits characteristic of children of certain ages but I've never seen a description of that metamorphosis through which boys and girls go in one week of camping.

The boys always arrive at camp with shiny faces, brand new crew cuts, wearing their best pair of jeans. The little girls usually come with their hair in curls or in smooth, waving pony-tails and in starched blouses and well-shined shoes. The picture changes drastically before the week is over. The little boys' hair is full of sand, their pants are soiled and torn, their sneakers smelly and their skin covered with sunburn, scratches and mosquito bites (some even add a little poison ivy for variety). The story is just about the same for the girls except that their hair, after a week of sun and swimming, begins to take on a mop-like appearance. I'm sure that more than one mother has been shocked and horrified to find that most of the clothes which she prepared and packed so lovingly at the beginning of the week come back without having ever been moved from the suitcase. One father was especially upset when he discovered that the plastic bag which he had prepared for his son containing soap, washcloth, toothbrush and toothpaste hadn't even been opened the whole week!

And then the dining hall reveals another interesting view of children away from the watchful eye of the conscientious parent. A little girl who is a "problem eater" at home gobbles camp food like a hungry bear under the influence of lots of company, laughter and the activity and fresh air of camp. The boy who (with his mother's encouragement) would never eat a meal without washing his hands, sees nothing unsanitary about bringing his can full of tree toads to the table at camp. All the rules

about not reaching across the table, not talking with one's mouth full, and not eating with one's fingers—are broken in the camp dining hall in spite of the best efforts of the counsellors and directors.

On the other hand, there are some tender and precious moments any parent would be thrilled to witness—some unprecedented display of kindness and loyalty to a homesick buddy, an unusual demonstration of good sportsmanship, the look of pride on a boy's face when he says, "I got a letter from my Dad!" or the tearful smile of a little girl when she says, "My mother will be so glad to know I've given my heart to Jesus."

Whether we always like to admit it or not, our children represent us, perhaps more truly when they are away from us than when we are close enough to control their words and actions. Fortunately, camp counsellors, school teachers and others who work very closely with children usually assume that the standards of the parents are at least a little higher than the children always manage to meet!

Before you get too nervous about your children and how they behave away from home, here is another point to ponder. The Bible says that we are "strangers and pilgrims" (or "campers" if you please) away from our Heavenly Home and Father. We are the representatives of our spiritual family. Unfortunately, the world is not so tolerant in assuming that our heavenly calling is any better than our earthly walk. If we claim to have a righteous Father, they have a right to expect a certain amount of righteousness in us.

Once in a while I hear someone complain, "Well, they expect me to be so different, just because I am a Christian." What about it? Haven't people a right to expect more of us if we claim to know the Lord? As I've heard my dad say so many times, "A Christian ought to act different, look different, and even smell different from other people." Paul said, "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children" (Eph. 5:1).

How about you, fellow camper? Have you taken your spiritual soap and washcloth out of the suitcase recently?

"My Picture Doesn't Do Me Justice"



See, it doesn't come out right! My gleaming crystallon cover shows dirty white in the picture. My royal blue ink shows black. You cannot even see the rich, sparkling pattern in this, about the most expensive cover paper manufactured, used as my cover. There is no way for you to tell how beautiful I am until you see me.

My creator, "Papa" Rice, feels so bad because my picture does not do me justice. He quarreled at all the people in the office who had the picture and engraving made, but it didn't do any good. This big rotary press just won't show me in all my gleaming beauty, my "Christmasy" richness.

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friends would be there. Then of course we always have fun. Perhaps we have such a good time together that we miss a concert or some other special activity we meant to enjoy. Good friends can have fun just remembering the silly things they did in other days.

If you live far away from grandparents and relatives, perhaps you have a good idea of a real Homecoming. Do you drive to their home for holidays? As we used to drive from Kansas to Illinois for Christmas, the faster the miles slipped past the wheels, the more excited we all got! Homecoming means reunion with those we love.

But what do you think will be the greatest Homecoming of all time?

You remember when Jesus was talking to His disciples in John 14:2, 3. He said, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." I think since Jesus has been spending all these years preparing a "home" for us who love Him, that when we get to Heaven that will be the most wonderful "Homecoming" of all. We will want to see Jesus first of all, and then others we love.

I said, "Homecoming without old friends is not very exciting." Now is the time for you to be sure that your loved ones will be at that Homecoming in Heaven. If you are not sure that your brother or sister or close friend has trusted Jesus to save him and is going to Heaven, now is the time to begin to pray for him every day. And will you try to win them to the Lord Jesus? Perhaps you can quote John 3:16 to them, or get them to read the whole third chapter of John. Let them know you love them and want them saved. If you need help, you might ask your Sunday School teacher or pastor to talk to them.

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The barkeeper, thinking he wanted a drink, said, "What will you have?"

"Those children for my Sunday school," replied Moody.

"Children for your Sunday school! Do you know where you are? An infidel club meets here every Thursday night."

But the tactful soul-winner knew it was not a time for retreat, so, resting his elbows on the bar, he looked into the face of this father, and pleaded with him earnestly in behalf of the little girls.

Finally the man's heart was touched, and he said, "I'll tell you what I'll do, parson. If you will come down here next Thursday night and meet the boys in a joint discussion, and you win, you shall

have the children; but if not, it is all off."

"Agreed," exclaimed Moody. "I'll be here."

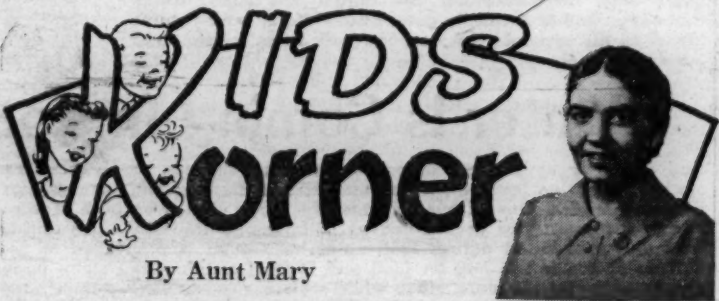
Taking his departure, he looked up a little crippled newsboy whom he knew, who could pray effectively, and said to him, "Tommy, I want you next Thursday night."

When the hour arrived, Tommy and the evangelist entered the saloon. It was full. The men were sitting on whiskey barrels, and beer kegs, and on the counter, while others were at the windows in expectation of a debate.

Moody opened the meeting by saying: "Gentlemen, it is our custom to open our meetings with prayer. Tommy, jump on that barrel and pray," whereup Tommy perched himself on the barrel, turned his little face up toward Heaven, and how he did pray! As the tears stole down his cheeks, the more tender-hearted beat a retreat; and finally those more rock-like, subdued by the pathos and spiritual power of the occasion slowly retired, until there were none left except the barkeeper, Moody, and the praying-boy.

"That will do, Tommy," exclaimed the evangelist. "I claim the children," said he, turning to the father.

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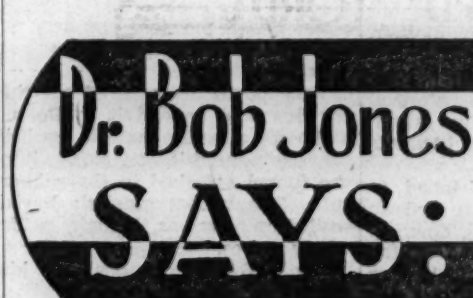
By Aunt Mary

Today is "Homecoming" in Wheaton! What is Homecoming? It is simply a time when a school encourages its former students and graduates to come back for a visit. Wheaton High School's Homecoming included this afternoon a parade: the marching band in bright orange and black uniforms, the "King" and "Queen" of Homecoming riding in open cars, and a noisy gang of high school fellows and girls walking or riding in decorated cars with horns blowing. Tonight there will be a football game, the crowning of the King and Queen for the day and other activities.

This is also the Wheaton College Homecoming weekend. Every year we try to go to the Homecoming football game, and perhaps to one other special event connected with it. Last year it was

a pizza party where we met our friends. (Have you tried pizza—pronounced "peetza"? It is an Italian specialty made with yeast dough spread flat in a pan, covered with a tomato sauce and slices of special cheese and balls of sausage. The whole "pie" is baked in the oven and served hot in wedges or strips, to be eaten with the fingers.)

You know, Homecoming can be a very special time, or it can be quite dull. I have been once to Homecoming when not a single one of my special friends was there. Even a football game isn't too exciting if none of your friends are there to share it. At other times perhaps we have known ahead of time that our own class would have lunch together or that two or three of our very special



This is written on my return from special one-day conferences which were sponsored by Bob Jones University "preacher boys" who are standing true to God in all sections of America. If you friends who believe the Bible and really love the Lord could have been with me at these conferences, you would want to co-operate in the work Bob Jones University is doing.

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CHAPTER XV

Precarious Existence

Together Sechelela and I went into the babies' ward. Carefully I read the thermometer Sechelela held out to me: "98.4"; normal, good.

Perisi looked up at me wistfully from the bed. "Bwana, may I not see my new-born son again? Do they not refuse to bring him to me, and say it is your order that he should be fed through a tube?"

"Heeh," I said, "it is my order."

The girl's eyes filled with tears. "But, Bwana, what is wrong with him? Is his . . ."

"Perisi—this is the thing. That child weighs one ounce less than two pounds. When he was born I wrapped him up from the top of his head to the end of his heels—it wasn't a very great distance—in cotton-wool. About all you could see was the end of his nose poking out. Heeh, we had to set to work last night, Mwendwa and I, to make a cot for him. Behold, we have no special cot for premature babies, so did we not get the box in which we keep the small pieces of wood for the chip heater? We tipped the wood all out on to the floor, put a blanket into the bottom as mattress, and another blanket so that it could be tucked into the box from every angle, and then we wrapped the child up very carefully in the softest pieces of blanket, and laid it very gently on its side, in this box."

"Bwana," said Perisi, looking up at me, "my child is a boy, he is not an 'it'—behold, his name will be Yohanna."

"Right," I laughed. "Well, we placed Yohanna on his side, and then we started the chip heater—filled two great bottles with hot water and put them carefully inside the box so that he would be kept warm, for behold, a baby that size has not the means of controlling his own temperature as you and I have by our breathing and our perspiring and all the rest of it. So we had to keep him properly warm."

"Kah, Bwana, but will he have enough to eat through that small tube? Will he not cry?"

"Aha, uh, Perisi, he will not cry, for behold, Yohanna is too small for even that. He must lie very quietly for six hours, and then, behold, I will come and show you how you may feed him."

From outside the ward came the high-pitched cackle of the old women who were examining the splendid child who had been born to Nhoto.

"Yah," said one old woman, "behold, has not the child got the ears of his father?"

The baby let out a lusty cry. "Behold," said Sechelela, from her point of observation by the door. "Heh, I hope the child has not got the tongue of his grandmother, nor yet her thieving ways."

"Heh," laughed some of the women who had heard the story of how Majimbi, the child's grandmother, had tried to steal blankets from the hospital.

Inside the ward I listened to this conversation and turned to Perisi. "Listen, I'm going down to my house to read in my book the words of how one should look after a child the size of yours. Behold,

this is not a usual thing in my ordinary work, so I will seek food for my memory, so that we may do only the right thing, that the child may live and become strong."

The African girl nodded. I made my way down to my house and pulled from the bookshelf a book called *Mothercraft*. I drew a piece of paper towards me, and picking up a pencil jotted down the various points. I read for a while and then wrote:

1. Sterile solution of sugar and milk. Then in the corner of the sheet I did a few little calculations working with calories and ounces and the body-weight of the child. Soon I had drawn up a chart of just what amount of this solution the child should have. I put down the next point:

2. Premature babies cannot suck or swallow and must be fed by a very fine tube. Fortunately I had just such a tube put away for an emergency. I wrote:

3. Watch the child's breathing. It may suddenly stop. Then I noted a string of various things:

A premature baby is very susceptible to infection, therefore wear a mask and scrub your hands as you would for a surgical operation.

The child should be moved as little as possible.

Bed should be changed from side to side every three hours.

The body temperature should be kept at 98.4 and carefully measured.

Then I read instructions as to how a cot should be prepared for premature babies. With a primus stove and a pair of scales I carefully prepared the sugar solution, sterilized it, and proceeded to the hospital with the solution in a bottle in one hand, and the paper with the instructions in the other. I went straight to Perisi. Following the custom of African women she was out of bed sitting in the sun.

"Come," I said, "we will go and give Yohanna his feed."

Three or four nurses came to watch proceedings. It was something entirely new. They were all issued with masks, as was Perisi. I put on a mask and gown and scrubbed my hands. Very carefully I opened the tiny baby's lips, and most gently pushed the tiny tube down his throat.

"Bwana," said Perisi, "how can you be sure that the tube goes into his stomach and not into his lungs?"

"You listen to it, and if you hear breathing noises, then you pull it out, and try again, and then you press just one tiny drop into it when you think it is in the right place. There, now that's the right place. See, I put just one drop of solution in—the child does not cough."

Very slowly I measured out the solution, and handed it to Perisi, and with a smile that lit up her face she poured it very slowly into the funnel attached to the rubber tube. The nurses giggled; Perisi smiled up at me as the baby made windy noises.

"Kah, Bwana, he has had his first feed from his mother!"

I grinned. "Hongo, Perisi, you never saw a cow feeding a calf that way! Heeh, we must give him just the right amount of fluid. His skin must not become wrinkled up, or he must not show the other signs of not enough fluids within him."

"Behold, we will watch him with care," said the African girl. "Bwana, you tell me the ways." Then she looked down at the tiny baby.

"Kah, my son, behold, you are so small. Have I not fear that you will droop like a flower in the sun?"

The last drops of fluid ran safely into the child. We stood watching. Suddenly there seemed to be a catch in his breathing.

"Quickly," I said, "give me the tube." This time I took care to pass it, not into the stomach, but through the larynx into the child's lungs. I took a breath of air and blew. Oxygen was the thing we needed, but we had no oxygen in our C. M. S. Jungle Hospital, so I did the best I could and blew air from my own lungs. There was a tension in the room which you could almost feel. Perisi's hand was hard on my shoulder—it seemed the child would never breathe again.

"Bwana," whispered the girl, "he's gone." But the words were hardly out of her mouth when the child uttered a sighing sort of breath. We worked for perhaps five minutes, then once again little Yohanna was breathing. Perisi sank back on to a stool, perspiration standing out like beads on her forehead.

"Kah, Bwana, I have fear . . ."

"Lose it," I said, "lose it, because perhaps that will happen again, and if it does, you will know what to do now."

"Heeh, Bwana," she replied, "have I not seen you?"

"Pick him up very gently," I said, "and just turn him over. Every three hours you will change the side on which he lies. See—tuck in his blankets, make him comfortable. Behold, Simba and I will make him a cot before the moon is much older."

As I spoke I went to the window. I felt that a breath of fresh air was necessary after that last tense half-hour, and I saw Majimbi, the old grandmother of the splendid new child of Nhoto, skulking round the corner with a pot full of thin native gruel, which I felt sure she was smuggling into the hospital to feed her newest grandchild. I put my head through the window.

"Yeh," I said, "what have you got there?"

"Heeh, Bwana, it is only wuba-gruel."

"What," I said, "do you not know that it is forbidden to bring gruel to the babies' ward? Are not the children here fed nature's way? Is not milk the food for babies?"

"Yah," replied the old woman, curling her lip, "what do you know about babies? You, who are a man, a mere man."

Sechelela's voice came from farther down the veranda. "Heeh . . . and what do you know about looking after children? Did not seven of your children die, and only one live?"

I smiled and came back towards where Perisi was sitting watching her child.

"Bwana," she said, "he's a funny-looking little chap all right. Behold, the cotton-wool seems almost to cover him."

"Perisi, be very careful, your child is not a strong one. He needs the greatest of care."

She nodded. "Bwana, I will give him all the care that a mother can give." And then, "Bwana, when can I bathe him?"

"Heh, it will be many days. Behold, in three days' time you may rub his body with warm oil, but behold, there are many insects, *dudus*, germs, that would get into his body at this stage unless you are very careful. So, Perisi, turn him every three hours. Feed him as I have written on the paper here. Behold, thus he will get strength."

She nodded. "Bwana, have I not asked God to give me a child whom I may love, to whom I may teach His way? Behold, did I not ask for a child of strength? I . . ."

Taking a New Testament from my pocket I said: "Listen, these

are the words of God. Did He not say: 'Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you?'"

She nodded. "Bwana, I have done that. I have asked God, I have asked Him for His strength. And, Bwana, have I not asked with great strength until I have sweat upon my body? Have I not sought hard as hard, and yet God has given me this small child? Bwana, I had sadness until you explained that here was my opportunity of showing the people the better way with my own child."

"All this is true, Perisi. Listen, read on what it says in the Book here. Does it not ask a question? See, 'What man is there of you, if his son shall ask for bread, will he give him a stone to eat, or if he ask for fish, will he give him a snake?'"

"Kah," said Perisi, "no one would do that, not even Majimbi." "Well, listen again," I said; "and if you men, with sin in your lives, know how to give good gifts

to your children, how much more will your Father, who is in heaven, give good things to those who ask Him."

"Kah," said Perisi, "I see it. Is not little Yohanna here God's very special answer to my prayer?"

"Heeh, and he is given to you, Perisi, because God feels He can trust you."

There was a quiet smile on the girl's face. She looked at her baby, all wrapped up in cotton-wool and tucked cosily into the packing-case which was his specialized cot. She had forgotten me, and I could hear the words that she was speaking in an undertone.

"My Father, he is Your gift to me. Help me, oh help me, in the days that are coming."

As I tiptoed from the room I knew that her prayer would be answered.

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Regular Prayer Habits

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regular habits of prayer. Bible Christians did that.

David said, "Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice" (Ps. 55:17).

Daniel, too, had a settled habit of prayer. His heart burned continually that God would restore His people to Palestine, so he never left off this prayer at the regular time and place. Daniel 6:10 says, "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and gave thanks before his God, as aforetime." The threat of the lions' den did not make Daniel break this blessed habit. The fact that people might hear him did not stop him. He did not seek publicity, but he would not break his custom for even the king, nor for fear of death.

Oh, set apart a time each day, sanctify a place where you regularly meet God in prayer, like Daniel.

The Apostles Regularly Attended Prayer Meetings

Apostles Peter and John were accustomed to having prayer together, probably with other Christians, at 3:00 p.m. daily. Acts 3:1 says, "Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour." The ninth hour of the twelve-hour day would be 3:00 p.m. I am sure that they, like David and Daniel, had regular hours of secret prayer, but here we learn that they had regular hours for public and united prayer also, and at a regular place.

Paul and Silas, too, were regular prayer meeting attendants. On their great missionary journey they came to Philippi and we are told, "And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a riverside where prayer was wont to be made: and we sat down and spake unto the women which resorted thither" (Acts 16:13). At a certain time and place, "prayer was wont to be made." There was an established custom of going there to pray.

I know that people may fall into a form of prayer, either publicly or privately. One needs to watch and see that his heart is in prayer, that it is sincere, even when it is a matter of regular habit. Because they had a custom of regular prayer, millions have really prayed when otherwise they would not have.

It seems to me every Christian should have the following regular appointed seasons of prayer.

1. The Morning Watch for Secret Prayer

All Christians should have times of secret prayer. David had three times daily, so did Daniel, for what seems to have been secret prayer, or at least private prayer. No Christian can afford less than one such season daily, many ought to have three. As early in the day as possible has proven best. Before breakfast is the ideal time. Some mothers like best the period when the children are first gone to school, some business men the first hour at the private office. But other things will crowd in if we give them a chance. The Bible ought to have a part in this private devotion. I suggest that each Christian ought to spend not less than 30 minutes a day, surely, in secret waiting on God in prayer and Bible reading, whether in one period or more. There, in the early morning, you can get strength for the day, wisdom for your problems, peace for the burdens

and aggravations you are certain to meet. Do you meet God each morning in the secret place? A bedroom, the bathroom, the attic, or any quiet place will do.

As a boy on a West Texas stock-farm I had a place where the ground was packed hard and bare under a chapparell bush. Out by the woodpile, through the garden, under the fence and into the "brakes" I went many a time to meet God. There on my knees I promised God to tithe. There I went to pray after reading Dr. Torrey's little book, "How to Pray." There I gave myself to God for life service, though I did not then know it would be to preach. From that place I went to saddle my horse and ride away, in faith, to college! Blessed place of secret prayer!

2. Prayer at Table

Surely no Christian should ever sit down to a meal without thanking God and asking Him to bless the meal. If you are the head of a home, see that someone thanks God aloud for the family. But each one should bow his or her head and fervently thank God from his heart for the food God has given, asking God to bless it. The food will taste better, health will be better. "For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving; For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer" (I Tim. 4:4, 5). At a hotel or restaurant, or at a home where there is no public giving of thanks, you can at least bow your head silently and gratefully thank God for His unfailing care, His loving provision. Can good Christians honestly do less?

When on earth the Lord Jesus took the loaves before feeding the five thousand, "And when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would" (John 6:11). When Jesus would establish the Lord's Supper, "Jesus took bread and blessed it, and brake it, and gave to the disciples." Then we are told that "he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it unto them" (Matt. 24:26, 27). This custom of Jesus was never omitted, we feel sure, for after His resurrection He was recognized by the disconsolate disciples at Emmaus by this very thing, it seems. "And it came to pass," Luke 24:30 says, "as he sat at meat with them he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave unto them. And their eyes were opened and they knew him." Dear familiar sight of Jesus blessing the food, thanking God for it! It proved to them at once that this was Jesus, that He was risen from the dead! Do thou, dear reader, let Jesus teach you how to receive food from the Father with thanksgiving and prayer for blessing!

3. The Family Altar, or Family Prayers

A brief prayer at meals, along with thanksgiving, is well, but surely that is not enough for a family of Christians. If possible there should be a regular time of devotions including Bible reading and prayers by all the family. Sometimes unsaved members will not feel free to pray. Let them not be embarrassed, but let them feel that it is a holy and sweet hour binding all the family together. Certainly they should be remembered in the prayers, just as other members are prayed for. Little children can soon be taught to pray short prayers that are sincere, though brief, and usually in the same words, for a time.

In my home we felt that the best time for family worship and prayer was following breakfast. At night some were out late and could not take part regularly. The little girls were sleepy. All needed the help the blessed service brought, before the tasks and trials of the day. Before breakfast it interfered with serving hot food. So after breakfast, as the last one finished, there was long the cry, until the last girl left home, "Girls, get your Bibles!" In a moment they were open at the chapter that came next after yesterday's reading! We read consecutively, a chapter a day, through a book. First, I read two

verses, and around the table each one read two verses. That was repeated till the chapter was finished. Some extra long chapters were cut in two. Sometimes two or more short Psalms were read. Then we had comments, questions, or a chorus, or memorized a verse. Always I lead in prayer, then each one prayed in order, around the table. When I was away from home, as I was much of the time, Mrs. Rice carried on. How sweet, how blessed was that time of prayer and Scripture together! I know it has made its imprint on the tender hearts of my six daughters who are now all married.

They will never get away from its reality and influence.

A famous man tells how the time for family prayer at his boyhood home was at nine o'clock at night. Mother would get the Bible, Father would read it and then as all knelt, would pray. He says the day he left home to go to college his mother said to him, "Son, you are a man now, and you will have to stand on your own feet. We won't be there to tell you what to do, nor to remind you not to go into sin. But remember, Son, at nine o'clock each night you can know we will be on our knees praying for you."

The lad went through college, and God kept him clean. In his senior year, in the big Thanksgiving Day football game, he made the winning touchdown to close the season victoriously. It was, he knew, the last game he would play. The team would be broken up. The coach said, "Boys, you have played a great season; you have kept training rules, now have a good time tonight."

Other boys planned a trip to a gambling house and the red light district. He said no. They called him a sissy, so at last he promised to go.

After the meal and celebration it was late, and as they started out in the night, they heard a clock slowly striking the hours—one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, and finally nine! Transfixed, cut to the heart, the young athlete stopped; they were on their knees at home praying at the regular time for the dear son at college!

"Boys," he said, "I am not going! You can call me a sissy, you can do what you like. But I am not going!" And he did not go. He kept his honor and came to the marriage altar as clean as he demanded that his wife come. The family altar saved his life from sin and ruin.

Are you building a fence against Satan round about your family, by the family altar? If not, begin it today, I beseech you!

4. Bedtime Prayers

My mother died when I was less than six years old. So I did not have someone to pray with me regularly at bedtime, and I do not remember clearly what happened at bedtime before my mother sickened. But as a young Christian I began to pray beside my bed when I was perhaps nine years old. It was wonderfully sweet to me. Without help and encouragement I did not always observe the rite. After my own children came I did not at first see the need for having prayer with them at bedtime, since we had prayer with them at other times. Then I saw that they were missing something sweet and beautiful. The younger ones were taught to pray beside their beds, and always they liked it, particularly if Daddy or Mother would kneel with them beside the bed.

Oh, parent, later you may find your children do not care to pray with you, if you delay teaching them. But when little, they are pleased at the simple time of committing themselves to the keeping of the dear Saviour and His loving Father. Even before little children become conscious that they are lost sinners, it is right for them to pray. And if they are properly taught, they may be saved very young. Why should any child learn to read and write before he learns to ask forgiveness and trust Christ to save him?

The little verse learned by millions is sacredly sweet and easily remembered, and I think, as understood by children, true to Bible doctrine.

Now I lay me down to sleep
I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
If I should die before I wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take.

Sometimes the line is added,

And this I ask for Jesus' sake.

Soon tiny ones may be taught to add to the prayer, "And God bless Daddy, and Mother," and so on. Our little ones were taught to say, "And help me to be a good girl." And soon they were praying of their own choice, following their older sisters' pattern, "And help Daddy to win souls."

The Lord's Prayer ought to be taught little children too, with the clear word that God is Father only to those who trust Christ as Saviour.

The fear of being in the dark at bedtime has troubled millions of little children, and nothing will take away that fear, and nothing will make the night time parting with Mother and Daddy carefree like the bedtime prayer. For a child who has been taught to pray has been taught to trust, and after the prayer it is surprising to find, often, how strong is childish faith. "Jesus will take care of you, now go to sleep," says Mother, and the trusting little soul who has just prayed for that finds it easy to believe.

And how fortunate is the adult Christian who is accustomed to kneeling by the bed in a good-night prayer. Dr. W. B. Riley shared the hotel room of the late William Jennings Bryan, and told me how that great statesman knelt by his bed and prayed before he slept. Do you?

5. Regular Prayer Meetings of the Church

If Paul and Silas went out to the prayer meeting by the riverside, "where prayer was wont to be made," and if Peter and John came to the temple "at the hour of prayer," as Acts 3:1 says they did, can you afford to miss the public service of prayer?

When Paul and Silas went to the riverside prayer meeting it seems to have been attended mainly by women, for they "sat down and spake unto the women which resorted thither," Acts 16:13 says. Since they talked sitting down, we may be sure there was not a great multitude there. Prayer meetings are not so largely attended as some other services, but there Lydia was converted. And prayer meeting Christians are the best Christians. They enjoy the Christian life better, win more souls, give more money, proportionately, live cleaner lives than others. Prayer meeting will

How Moody Won the Children

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contract," replied the father, "but it is a queer way to fight."

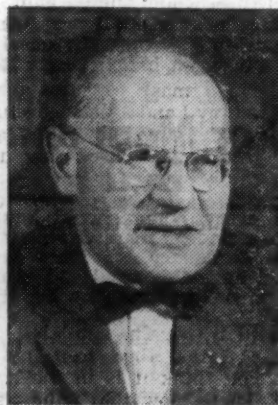
"It is the way I win my battles," said Moody. He had instructed the little boy not to cease praying until he had prayed them all out. It was a piece of strategy full of tactfulness. The reality, the venturesomeness, the tact, of such a man is worth emulating. —Selected.

bless your heart, if you really go to pray and if you really expect to meet God there.

In a rough West Texas town the little prayer meeting at the Baptist church dwindled in attendance and almost died. But two country boys promised each other they would be faithful. One boy is now a Christian doctor in California; I am the other. We met, often with no one else present, sometimes when we did not even light the oil lamps, and quoted promises to each other, told what we had found in the Bible during the week, and prayed. We prayed for certain friends to be converted. We prayed faithfully week after week for a revival. At length God sent a Spirit-filled preacher, a revival campaign was planned. God blessed and many were saved, and people came back to the prayer meeting. We prayed that God would help us go to school, though there seemed no way available. Yet in due time each went, each finishing a university course in different universities. How much I owe to public prayer meeting! It was there I gave my first testimony. There I learned to pray for revival.

Make sure, then, that you take part in some regular prayer meeting. Yoke up with other Christians to pray for one another, to unite your prayers for revivals, for the mission work. Unite your praises, your testimonies. Confess your faults one to another and pray one for another. You have a date somewhere to meet God in a prayer meeting.

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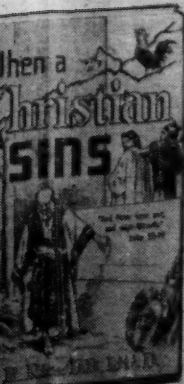
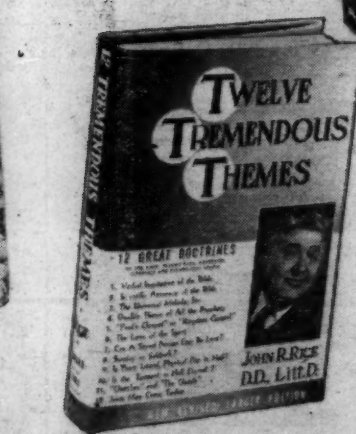
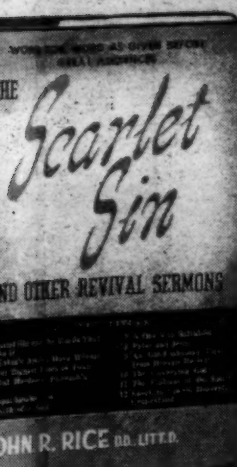
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It Will Take Saving and Scrimping

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I do not believe anybody can please God by just giving the chicken feed, just giving God the loose change, just giving God what is left over after we buy all we want. So some of us will have to give a little at a time, or save it up week by week.

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We are glad to encourage people to pray about this Christmas offering. We do not want anybody to give just to please some man. Take it to the Lord in prayer. Find what is God's leading about your giving. Find what will please the Lord and honor Him. Then give in a way that will honor the Lord, that will back up those of us who are standing true and suffering some reproach for Christ while we get out the Gospel and stir revival fires. Give in such a way as will indicate your devotion to Christ and the Bible and soul winning.

If you wish to designate your gift to the Ministers and Missionary Subscription Gift Fund, well and good. Or if you wish to indicate that it should go for the "Voice of Revival" radio broadcast, you may mark it so. Or you may wish to help put in print these books which will change the lives of thousands. Or you may divide the money, or you may leave it for us to do it and simply mark it "Christmas offering," if you desire.

It will take prayer and plan-

ning and sacrificing, if we give as would please God. The gift ought to amount to thousands of dollars. I hope that a number of good Christians will join me in each trying to save up \$500 or more for this Christmas offering. Thousands of readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD have more income than I have, and your outside obligations are no heavier than mine. Many have money at hand as I

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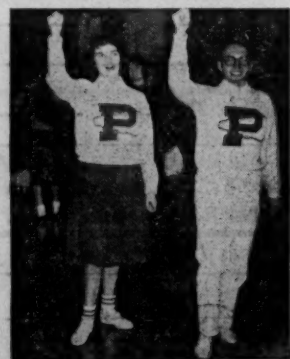
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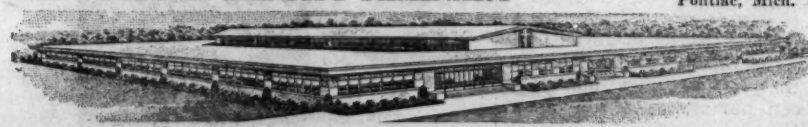
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The Sin of Neglect

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men and women to teach us the plan of salvation that we might understand. He gives to us praying fathers and mothers, other loved ones and friends who intercede in our behalf at His throne of grace. Yet in spite of it all, the greatest and most universal sin known to man is the sin of neglect in the acceptance of Christ as Saviour.

The Greatness of Salvation

But the writer of Hebrews calls it, "So great salvation,"—not a great salvation, but so great that nothing mortal man can conceive of compares to it. It is so great that Peter tells us, "Which things the angels desire to look into." Why is this salvation so great?

First, this salvation is so great because it saves us from Hell. That is enough. Read the story of the rich man and Lazarus. Meditate on it, and it will nearly drive you crazy as you see an individual shut up forever in the torments of the damned, and then imagine your own loved ones and friends who have gone on but who neglected this great salvation. That place called Hell—a lake of fire, outer darkness, that horrible pit where the memories of neglected opportunities haunt forever. See the countless victims there in perpetual writhing in agony where the worm dieth not; yet most of them are the victim of the sin of neglect. Hell has no claim on one, thank God, who has this salvation.

Second, it is a great salvation because it saves one from the Devil in this life. The Devil is a powerful being. He is so mighty that he held Jesus in his grip of temptation forty days and nights; he is so dishonest that he is called the father of lies; he is so cunning that he deceives whole nations; so rich and alluring that he offered Jesus the kingdoms of this world if He would fall down and worship him. Yet when we possess this salvation we can resist the Devil, and he will flee from us. We can even say to him, "Get thee behind me, Satan," and he will turn away. What a salvation!

Third, it is so great that it guarantees a mansion in the skies. It provides every longing of a pure soul, not for one day nor for one year, but for eternity. Here in this life we work, suffer, strive, doubt, fear, and weep, but this salvation settles all of life's problems and perplexities forevermore. "There shall be no more curse," when we get to Heaven.

Fourth, this salvation is great because it is the only one. "There is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." It cannot be purchased; it is a gift—God's loving gift! "What can a man give in exchange for his soul?" To me the sweetest, the most sublime of all Scripture is found in Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8, 9).

Fifth, salvation is great because of what it enables us to do in this life. Noah possessed it and built an ark. Abraham possessed it and started a nation of chosen people. Jonah possessed it and preached one sermon which caused 120,000 people to repent. Peter possessed it and three thousand repented when he told them of his crucified and risen Lord. Paul possessed it and changed the religion and thinking of a civilized world.

None of these could have done such marvelous things had they not been partakers of this great salvation.

Yet this great salvation can be so ignored that people do not accept Christ as Saviour and plunge hopelessly into Hell. It can be so depreciated that one will accept it but will fail to follow Jesus in baptism. It can be regarded so valueless that some claim to possess it, yet stay out of Christ's Church, out of His service and neglect to pay to His cause what belongs to Him.

The Tragedy of the Sin of Neglect

The worst thing about this sin is its unfairness. For one to neglect this great salvation is terribly unfair to his own soul. For one

to know the plan of salvation and then to neglect to embrace it is spiritual suicide.

It has been our lot to preach the funeral of many who have committed suicide. One of these unfortunates especially stands out in my memory. A father of two little boys shot his wife, then blew out his own brains with the same pistol. The family lived near our church. We were among the first to enter the home after the tragedy. It was one of the most ghastly sights our eyes have ever looked upon. We shall never get away from the experience of that double funeral. There were two caskets side by side. In one lay the silent form of the father; in the other, the body of the mother. Sitting out in front were the two little boys.

As I read the Scripture and before praying, there flashed through my mind the awfulness of the act this father had committed in ending his life by his own hand. Then another thought came to me. The tragedy of taking his own life was terrible, but think of how that tragedy had affected others. It had left his two little boys without father or mother. Think of how the memory of his deed will live in their minds!

My friends, that is exactly the picture in a spiritual sense of one who neglects this great salvation and dies without God and without hope. He not only sends his own soul out into an eternity of tor-

ment, but he affects the lives of loved ones and friends. "No man liveth unto himself." When the Apostle Paul pleaded so earnestly and courageously with Agrippa to believe on Christ, that great preacher had something in mind besides the salvation of Agrippa's soul. Paul was thinking about the people of Israel who had turned their backs on Christ. Had their king accepted Jesus that day, God only knows the effect it would have had on the Jewish nation. Multiplied thousands who died without hope would have been in Heaven today had Agrippa been saved. To those who are neglecting this great salvation today, remember your sin is not only your doom, but God only knows how many others you are affecting by your sin.

The sin of neglect against this great salvation is unfair to Jesus. On this point we quote an article in our church bulletin which was written by one of our laymen, B. B. Lewis. His caption was, "Remember Pearl Harbor."

"From now on, so long as the nation stands, whenever those words are heard by true Americans, they will burn and sear like a red hot iron, like a red hot branding iron applied to a steer's hide. The memory of foul treachery will rise like the stench of burning hair. Mighty in wrath, the American nation will lunge to its feet, lashing out with murderous, long, sharp horns. And woe to the scampering bandy-legged little devils who applied the scar.

"Millions upon millions of people are united in one

thought, expressed in those three words: 'Remember Pearl Harbor!' They shock. They startle. They awaken. All hearts are resolved to a firm determination.

"But here are three words that are more important: 'Remember Calvary's Cross.'

"They do not shock—but they should! They do not startle—but they should! They do not awaken—but they should!

"We thrill to the bravery of our defenders at Pearl Harbor, at Wake, in the Philippines, in our Navy. They stand between us and a swarm of little yellow devils.

"We forget to thrill to the bravery of Christ upon the cross. We forget or we fail to acknowledge that He, and He alone, stands between us and all the swarming devils of Hell.

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His head—buried Him—covered Him up. Death and Hell thought to claim Him.

"Mighty in power, He shook these off. He arose to His feet. Untouched by sin, unconquered by death, He walked from the grave—erect, strong, clean, magnificently alive. Alive? Of

course He is alive. Why shouldn't He be? He is life!

"But millions of people do not believe this. Either they have not heard, or, hearing, they refuse to believe.

"Something should shock them, startle them, awaken them. If they had three words

burned into their hearts—**BRANDED there—the job would soon be done, and all the world might be saved. Three words—'Remember Calvary's Cross!'**

"Who died upon that cross? The Master of the bitter winds that howl across Russia's frozen steppes.

"Who walked from the grave? The Master of the sun that beats down upon Africa's blistering sands.

"Deny Him, and your sins are your own. Acknowledge Him, and your sins are forgiven.

"Awake, ye people of our time. Repent, and accept, before it is too late. **REMEMBER THE CROSS!**"

I think I never read such a clear illustration of how we treat Jesus when we neglect the great salvation that came to man by His death on Calvary.

It is not only unfair to the individual soul and to Jesus for one to neglect this great salvation, but it is unfair to God. He offers us a way of escape from our sins without price, yet at a great cost to Him. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Our heavenly Father loved not only His begotten Son whom He gave to die on Calvary, but He loved the ones for whom Jesus died. The unbounded grief that came to the heart of the Father when He was compelled to forsake His Son on the cross is too much for us to ignore. That cry, "My God, My God, Why hast thou forsaken me?" must have brought clouds of tears from weeping angels.

But what do you suppose it did to God's heart? The grief of Calvary surely seems to be enough for God to endure, but my sinner friend, that is not the end of His great sorrow. God grieves every time a sinner dies. Hear Him when He says, "As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked" (Ezek. 33:11).

I have stood, as other preachers have, by the side of a grave and watched the body of a lost son sink into its last resting place. Beside it sat a mother in agony and grief beyond description because her boy died without hope. I have heard her wail, "Oh, my boy! Will I ever see you again?" But she was not the only one whose heart was broken. That One who takes knowledge of the death of a little sparrow is grieved along with that mother over the death of another lost soul.

Like David of old when the Cushite bore him the message that his prodigal son, Absalom, had been slain in battle, the king piteously cried, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!" (II Sam. 18:33). That is the same sorrow God has for every human being who neglects His great salvation.

What are you going to do about it, my friend? How can you continue in your sin of neglect? "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

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But if today you want to be saved, God is ready. Christ has already died for you and paid for your sins by His death upon the cross. He plainly promises that "him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). He never did turn down a penitent, trusting heart. Are you will-

ing to give Him your heart today? Are you willing to trust Him, willing to depend upon Him for forgiveness and salvation and a home in Heaven? If you are, then He is willing, too, and the whole matter can be settled this moment. Tell Him so now! Oh, accept His offer of mercy and pardon this moment!

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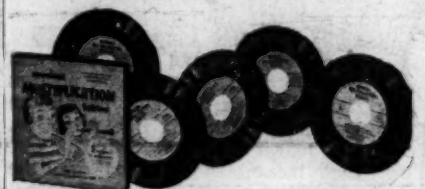
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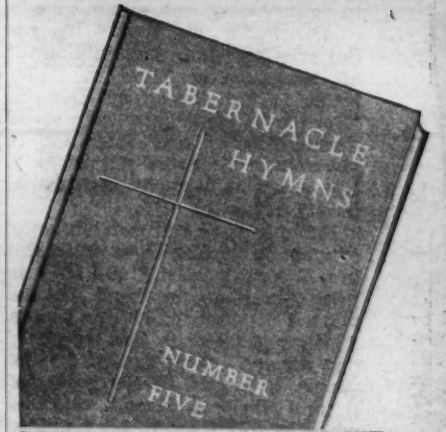
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- 9 initials of first man and woman
- 10 "One that ruleth well his own _____" I Tim. 3
- 12 initials of a woman and her daughter-in-law (Ruth 1:2, 4)
- 13 "He hath _____ his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy" Luke 1
- 14 "they please not God, and are _____ to all men"
- 16 "were shamefully entreated, as ye know, _____ Philippi"
- 17 "From following the _____ great with young he brought him" Ps. 78
- 19 "look unto the rock whence ye are _____" Isa. 51
- 20 "contrary to _____ men: Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles"
- 21 "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is _____ in the Lord" Col. 3
- 23 "But not as the offence, so also is the _____ gift" Rom. 5
- 24 "became followers _____ the churches of God"
- 25 "as we were allowed of _____ to be put in trust"
- 26 "_____ both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets"
- 28 a son of Jahdai (I Chron. 2:47)
- 30 "_____ all things, believeth all things" I Cor. 13
- 33 raw material from which iron is taken
- 34 "_____ into his gates with thanksgiving" Ps. 100
- 36 Hebrew word for God (Compare Gen. 35:7 with 28:19)
- 37 barely make a living
- 38 44 "who _____ you unto his kingdom and glory"
- 40 initials of a child whose name meant "laughter" and his father (Gen. 21:5, 6)
- 42 "For what is our hope, _____ joy?"
- 43 "_____ who shall live when God doeth this!" Num. 24
- 44 see 38 across
- 47 "which effectually worketh also in _____ that believe"
- 48 "For ye, brethren, became _____ of the churches of God"

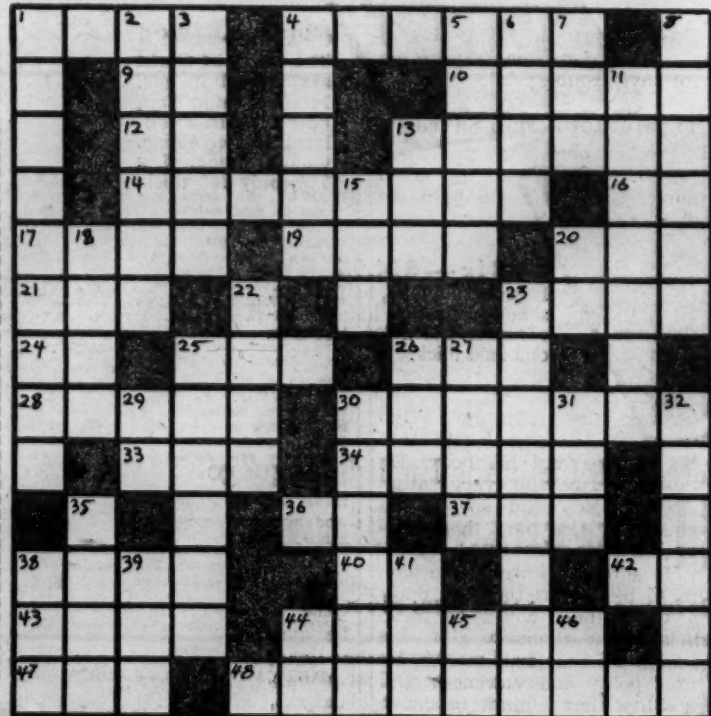
Clues Down

- 1 "_____ we would have come unto you, even I Paul"
- 2 what a priest of Baal cut himself with when his prayer was not answered (I Kings 18:28)

- 3 a family which returned to Jerusalem with other captives (Ezra 2:44)
- 4 "for the _____ is come upon them to the uttermost"
- 5 "there was given to me a _____ in the flesh, the messenger of Satan" II Cor. 12
- 6 "I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the _____ brethren" I Thess. 5
- 7 slang for yes
- 8 "But we were _____ among you, even as a nurse"
- 11 "Thou _____ up the sum, full of wisdom" Ezek. 28
- 13 a command to a team of horses to turn left
- 15 "though they be _____ like crimson, they shall be as wool" Isa. 1
- 18 "So I spake unto the people in the morning: and at even my _____ died" Ezek. 24
- 20 land given to the children of Lot (Deut. 2:9)
- 22 "we would have _____ unto you, even I Paul, once and again"
- 23 "God hath not cast away his people which he _____" Rom. 11
- 25 twenty of these make a shekel (Exod. 30:13)
- 26 a blemish which made a sacrifice unacceptable (Lev. 22:22)
- 27 "If the world _____ you, ye know that it hated me" John 15
- 29 "I _____ to prepare a place for you" John 14
- 30 "what concord hath Christ with _____" II Cor. 6
- 31 "The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down _____ my child die" John 4
- 32 "not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our _____"
- 35 an indefinable aura, or glow, around someone's head (h_____)
- 38 will burn, when tried by fire (I Cor. 3:12, 13)
- 39 Hebrew letter preceeding Psalm 119:169
- 41 same as 20 across
- 44 initials of father and husband of Achsah, given in marriage to the man who conquered Kirjathsepher (Josh. 15:16, 17)
- 45 "Then said I, _____ I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me)" Heb. 10
- 46 initials of two godly men who didn't make their children obey (I Kings 1:1, 5; I Sam. 2:22, 29)

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Running Jesus Out of Town

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strumental in putting Jesus on a bloody cross. That group was the Ministerial Association of the city of Jerusalem.

In Matthew 26:57 we read, "And they that had laid hold on Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled." Then in verse 66 of the same chapter we read where these same religious leaders said, "... He is guilty of death."

These scribes who consented to have Jesus put to death were religious leaders whose business it was to study and transcribe, or translate, the Book of God. The elders were the religious leaders who, with the scribes and the high priest, made up the Ministerial Association that said, "Let's put Jesus to death and get rid of Him."

I say to you that if the Jesus of this Bible, not the Jesus of modernism, not the Jesus of modern theology, but if the Jesus of the Bible were to come to Pontiac today the Pontiac Ministerial Association would hate him. I'll tell you why. He would say to them, "I'm the virgin-born Son of God; I'm not just a man."

Some of them would say, "I was taught differently in my college."

He would say to them, "You blind leaders of the blind, you will both fall in the ditch and go to Hell."

They would gnash on Him with their teeth. If the Ministerial Association of Jerusalem could put Him on a bloody cross, the modernist infidels of this city would do the same thing. It is in the Bible. He was crucified by a Ministerial Association.

I get sick and tired of people looking down their noses at me because I do not go along with the pattern of the Ministerial Association of this city. I'll tell you why I don't. I'll never go along with it. I'd rather be run out of town than to go sit down with a Jewish Rabbi who says Jesus is not the Son of God. I'll shake his hand, I'll greet him, I'll treat him like an American. But to treat him like a brother—I'll never do it. It is not in the Bible. No one is ever going to take the attitude that my Jesus was not the virgin-born Son of God, then expect me to pat him on the back and say, "We are all brothers, and are going to the same place in the end."

At the last Ministerial Association meeting I ever attended in this city, there was a great discussion on whether or not you had to believe in the deity of Jesus Christ in order to be a Christian; and the opinions were equally divided.

If Jesus were to come to the average city in America, the City Council would want to get rid of Him. If he were to come to the city of Pontiac, the City Commission of this city (not every one of them, but the majority of the City Commission) would vote to get rid of Him. Why? The first thing that He would say would be, "You men are damning the souls of men and women, boys and girls, every time you grant another liquor license to create another hell hole in this city."

They wouldn't like that. I don't have any confidence in men who will say, "Put up another bar."

Everytime you want to put up another church, there is a big fuss about it. They want a bar on every corner and one in the middle of the block. They vote to make drunkards and harlots out of everyone in the city. That is the policy of the political leaders of this city and many cities in America today.

You say, "Do you really believe that?"

I never believed anything more in my life. I know that some of you folks think that things like that ought not to be said, but maybe that is the reason I'm a preacher and you are not.

If Jesus came to this city, He would go to the places where they are gambling away the paychecks of men whose wives and children are going hungry. He would say, "In God's name, who permits this thing to go on?"

He would make it hot for someone. He would make it hot for the graft and thievery of the liquor crowd in this town.

If Jesus were to come to this town, He would not be well received in the third place by the social workers. They had social workers in Gadara. They said, "Let's take care of this man. Let's put him in an institution, let's put him in a padded cell; let's put chains on him and put him in jail." But jails do not make Christians. Social workers do not make Christians either.

Why did they want to run Him out of town? If you will notice why they wanted to run Him out of town, then you will believe everything I have said to you.

I. He Made People Mad

Notice in Luke 4:28, "And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath..."

Do you mean that when Jesus preached, someone got mad at Him? Yes, that is what I mean. Jesus was the sweetest man who ever lived; but He told the truth, and it made people mad.

If I have any talent, it is making people mad. I sometimes think that maybe that is my calling. It started when I was in elementary school. I was a country

boy; I was timid, quiet, and frightened, and I wouldn't have harmed a fly. I had a teacher one time whom I could not get along with. I don't know what was the matter with that woman, whether she was disappointed in love or what, but that was the meanest one woman I ever saw. Anything could be going on in the classroom, but that big finger always went right to me. I did everything to please her: I really did. I brought her fruit off of the farm; I told her how nice she looked and I did everything I could. But I never did get in the good graces of that woman. To cap it all off, one time there was a little old boy chasing me; we were just having a little fun during recess. I decided to go through the school house. The door was closed but, of course, that didn't mean a thing. I opened that door and ran through; but just as I opened it, this teacher stooped over to pick up a piece of paper. You can imagine where that door hit her! She landed right smack on her pretty face in the floor. I was all done. I stayed in after school every day for the rest of the whole year. I started out with the knack of making people mad.

Someone said to Sam Jones one time, that great Methodist preacher, "You rub the fur the wrong way."

Sam Jones said, "Turn the cat around."

We preachers are fools if we think that we will get the respect of people by preaching what they want to hear. Preach what they need!

Years ago in Nashville, Tennessee, Peter Cartwright was speaking in a great revival. Someone came and pulled his old long "Prince Albert" coat tail and said, "Brother Cartwright, Stonewall Jackson just walked in."

Peter Cartwright said, "I understand that the great Stonewall Jackson has just come in. If Stonewall Jackson doesn't repent like any other lost sinner and get right with God and trust Jesus Christ, he'll go to Hell like everybody else who is lost."

All the ladies said, "Oh, my word!" And all the men shook their heads.

When the service closed the great Stonewall Jackson walked down and got that preacher by the hand and said, "Preacher, I want to shake the hand of a man who has courage as well as faith. I admire you greatly and this sermon has touched my heart."

We have too many preachers today who preach nice sermons. I am reminded of a young preacher I heard preach one time who said, "Nothing makes me any madder than when I get through preaching, for some nice lady to come up and say, 'Brother, that was the sweetest sermon.'"

Whoever said that sermons were supposed to be sweet?

II. He Interfered With Their Business

The people of Gadara lost two thousand pigs over that one man whom Jesus saved. This man was so filled with demons that the demons cried, "If you must cast us out, don't leave us without being incarnated."

You see, demons must occupy some kind of a body, preferably a human body. The demons said, "Cast us into those hogs."

These Jews knew that hogs were unclean for a Jew. They shouldn't have been raising them anyway. God put His curse on that business and two thousand hogs ran down a steep place into the Sea of Galilee and were drowned. Jesus interfered with the illegal business and made people mad.

There are a lot of businesses that ought to be interfered with. A real estate man told me, "The only day I can show property to some people is on the Lord's Day."

When he said it, I thought of the man who said, "... I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it..."

A drunkard said to me, "The only day I can train dogs is on the Lord's Day."

I thought of the excuse the man gave when he said, "... I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them..."

A man said to me who is lost, "The only time my wife and I can be together to enjoy our home is on the Lord's Day."

I thought of the man who said, "... I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come."

If it interferes with your business to be a good Christian, for God's sake be a good Christian. Someone said to me the other day, "I know a boy who is losing interest in the House of God."

When they told me who it was, I said, "I think I know when it started. It was when his parents took him to a ballgame on the Lord's Day."

If being a good Christian interferes with your business and your pleasure, pay the price or don't profess to be a Christian at all.

III. He Invaded Satan's Dominion

In Mark 5:8 we read where Jesus said, "... Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit."

Do you know what the people got mad about in the ministry of the first church of Jerusalem? I'll tell you what the first persecution took place about. There was a lame man, over forty years of age, who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple every day begging money; and not one Christian or preacher ever did one thing for him. One day there were two unlearned preachers who did not have any D.D.'s or any degrees, no formal education, who came along and the man reached up that little old crippled hand and said, "Give me some money."

One of the preachers, fresh from the baptism and fullness of the Holy Ghost, said, "... Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

That man leaped to his feet as he received power and strength; and up and down the little cobblestone streets of Jerusalem he began to leap and shout and praise God. He said, "Praise God! Hallelujah! I'm saved and healed!"

Someone said, "We've got to do something about those preachers."

All those preachers did was to get a man saved and healed.

I can see that man as he goes home and his wife says, "Come here, children; I see your daddy coming."

The little children look and say, "No, Mama, that isn't Daddy; he's alone and always when he comes home, he is borne by two other men."

I can see him walk down the street and come home. I can see his family putting their arms around him. I think I can see angels in Heaven bent over the battlements of Glory, weeping, and God's heart is moved. But the religious people of Jerusalem said, "Call these preachers in and tell them that they must never preach again in the name of Christ."

That was all it took to bring about the first persecution.

You can be religious and have a church and have people who join it and are baptized; but if you invade Satan's dominion, you are going to have trouble.

IV. He Got a Man Saved

In the last place they said, "You get out of town because you saved a man's soul." In Mark 5:15 we read, "And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting and clothed, and in his right mind; and they were afraid."

They saw that man and they said three things about him: he was sitting; he was clothed; and he was in his right mind.

He was sitting. He never did that before. He ripped and tore at his clothes and his body. He was like the guy who every Saturday night goes and spends his paycheck at the bar, then goes home and raises hell all day Sunday. He acted like some men who claim to be a Christian but don't even want their wives to serve God, let alone themselves.

Here is the man, sitting, with all the poise and calmness and tranquility that a man has ever had. That is the work of God.

He was clothed. That speaks of our being clothed in God's eternal righteousness, which is imputed unto us when we believe.

They saw him in his right mind. I've been called a nut so many times, I'm almost prone to believe it myself. But I'll tell you this much: I may be a nut, but I'm screwed to the right bolt! I'm

anchored down. I'm on the Rock and I'm not worried about the outcome.

Jesus saved a man's soul. That is the work of God, the work of Christians, the work of preachers, and the work of churches. It is the primary work, the first work. It is our calling. Let the chips fall where they may, and leave the results to God.

The great question of men's hearts for centuries has been, "What must I do to be saved?" Some think by attainment; God says by atonement. Some declare by character; God says by the cross. Some say by courage; God says by Christ. Some assent by trying; God says by trusting.

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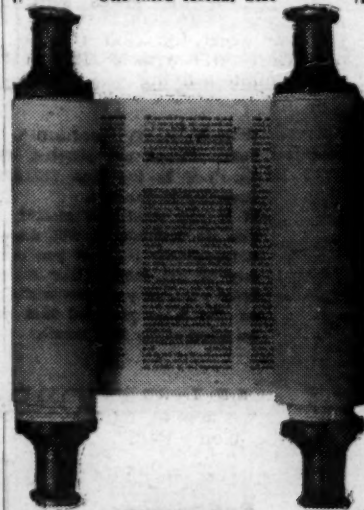
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